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1. DISCUSSIONS WITH NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR VIBE (REF A) AND DUTCH CHARGE BUWALDA (REF B) HAVE NOW MADE IT CLEAR THAT UK-PROPOSED LUNS' SUMMING-UP STATEMENT (REF C) WILL ENCOUNTER VERY STIFF RESISTANCE FROM SOME SMALLER ALLIES. MOREOVER, WE EXPECT DUTCH AND OTHERS MAY MOVE TO FILL VACUUM CREATED BY ABSENCE OF A US STATEMENT BEFORE MARCH 20 BY PREPARING A DRAFT STATEMENT OF THEIR OWN.

2. WE APPRECIATE TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH LED TO WASHINGTON'S WORKING FIRST WITH UK AND FRG. WE WILL MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT ON MARCH 20 TO OBTAIN OBJECTIVES SET OUT FOR US IN REF (C). WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, WE WILL NEED TO BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT USE OF NATIONAL STATEMENTS TO DEAL WITH DUTCH, NORWEGIAN AND ANY OTHER OBJECTIONS.

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3. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON SHOULD RECONSIDER VALUE OF HAVING FALLBACK LANGUAGE AVAILABLE FOR OUR USE AT CONCLUSION OF MARCH 20 MEETING, SHOULD IT BE REQUIRED AT THE END OF THE DAY AS A RESULT OF ALLIED UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT EXISTENCE OF ANY CONSENSUS ALONG LINES WE FAVOR. UNLESS WE CAN SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE ON MARCH 20 TO IMPROVE THE CHANCE OF CONSENSUS, THE MARCH 22

MEETING IS LESS LIKELY TO PRODUCE THE RESULTS WE WANT.

4. IN ADDITION TO LANGUAGE SUGGESTED REF (D) ON DEPLOYMENT, "THE US AND OTHER ALLIES" IN PLACE OF "THE ALLIANCE," DUTCH AND NORWEGIAN POSITIONS ON PRODUCTION DECISION SUGGESTS NEED FOR ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE FOR THIS PORTION OF SUMMATION. MAY WE SUGGEST SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF "THE ALLIES RECOGNIZE THAT THE US DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THE PRODUCTION OF ERW'S WITH A VIEW TO THEIR DEPLOYMENT ON CERTAIN SHORT-RANGE NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS WITHIN 18 TO 24 MONTHS SUPPORTS ALLIANCE DEFENSE AND DETERRENCE REQUIREMENTS."

5. FINALLY, WHILE IT IS LATE IN THE DAY, HIGH-LEVEL APPROACHES TO THE HAGUE AND OSLO MAY HELP SUFFICIENTLY MODIFY THEIR POSITION TO PERMIT ACCEPTANCE OF SUMMATION LANGUAGE MORE IN LINE WITH OUR VIEWS THAN THEY NOW APPEAR WILLING TO ACCEPT. WE ALSO SUPPORT UK PERMREP KILLICK'S IDEA THAT HE PROVIDE COPIES OF STATEMENT TO OTHER ALLIES ON THE MORNING OF THE 20TH.

6. WITH REGARD TO MODALITIES, WE HAVE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH LUNS AND PETRIGNANI FOR 4:00 P.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 18, TO GO OVER OUR SCENARIO FOR MARCH 20 AND 22 MEETINGS AND WILL PROVIDE COMMENTS ON SCENARIO AFTERWARDS. (WE RECOGNIZE RESULTS OF
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EMBASSY BONN'S APPROACH TO FRG MAY ALSO REQUIRE SOME MODIFICATION OF SCENARIO.)

7. LUNS, DESPITE OUR STRONG URGING, HAS INFORMED US HE CANNOT CANCEL LONG-STANDING ENGAGEMENT IN KIEL ON THE 20TH. ACCORDINGLY, PETRIGNANI WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY IN HIS BAPTISM OF FIRE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE IS AS GOOD AS HIS REPUTATION SUGGESTS. BENNETT

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